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State Brotherhood Holds Inspiring Convention

Henry Edmonds Is President, Holmes and Cottingham Elected Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer



DR. C. E. MATTHEWS

The Baptist Hour

SUNDAY MORNING APRIL 20, 1947

USE YOUR BAPTIST HOUR TO WIN THE LOST

Speaker—Dr. C. E. Matthews, Dallas, Texas

Subject—God's Universal Indictment Stations heard in MISSISSIPPI at 7:30 CST WCBI, Columbus; WGRM, Greenwood; WSLI, Jackson; WAML, Laurel; and WMOX, Meridian.

April 27—Dr. Matthews will speak on "Man's Greatest Need."

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ACP Announces Convention Program

NEW YORK—(RNS)—The annual meeting of the Associated Church Press, organization of Protestant editors, will be held here April 16-19.

Themes for the three-day program are "The Church Press in Today's World," "Improving the Product of the Church Press," and the "Church Press and Great Causes."

At a welcoming luncheon on Wednesday, April 16, Paul Hutchison, editor of the Christian Century, will discuss his recent world tour. Following his address the delegates will meet in joint session with the National Religious Publicity Council.

Discussions of news gathering, mechanical, advertising and production problems will occupy the delegates on the second day. Professor Roland E. Wolseley of the Department of Journalism, Syracuse University, will be one of the discussion leaders. Clifford J. Durr of the Federal Communications Commission will address a luncheon meeting on "Religion and Radio."

A tea given by Religious News Service in the afternoon will feature a display of religious photos produced by the agency.

Third theme of the conference, (Continued on Page Fourteen)

Preceded by the Mississippi Baptist Pastors and Laymen's Conference, which held sessions on the evening of April 7 and the morning of April 8, the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Convention held its second annual session at the Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, on April 8. The Convention opened at 2:00 p.m. and conducted only afternoon and evening sessions.

Over Five Hundred Register

Five hundred and twenty-three men registered. A conservative estimate of the men attending the combined conference-convention meeting would be 750.

Harrison Leads Music

Luther A. Harrison, state Music Sec— (Continued on Page Two)

Here's What They Say About THE EVERY FAMILY PLAN And The Mississippi College ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Pastor of the Main Street Baptist Church at Hattiesburg: "I think the Every Family Plan in raising necessary funds for Mississippi College is an excellent plan. It is an individual appeal to more than 50,000 families, covering not only Mississippi but interested friends outside the state. It is probably as effective a plan as could be devised because of its wide coverage. I trust that through it Mississippi College will gain the sufficient funds to complete your present program.

Miss Edwina Robinson, Executive Secretary of the state W.M.U.: "The largest 'mailing list' among Mississippi Baptists is the Baptist Record subscription list. This means that our host of Baptist people will know of Mississippi College and

her need. In order to respond to a need, we must KNOW of that need. The knowledge of this need should bring response."

Mrs. Ned Rice, past State W.M.U. President: "The Every Family Plan of ten Dollars right at this time for the Building Emergency of Mississippi College we believe is practical and wise. It should result in the answer to this immediate need. Please accept the enclosed check as the proof of our faith in such a plan."

Dr. D. Swan Haworth, pastor, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg: "I heartily favor the 'Every Family Record Plan of raising necessary funds for Mississippi College. The amount of \$10.00 that has been suggested is certainly reasonable. While many others will desire to participate, the Record readers will naturally lead the way because they are familiar with the progress of the school, and the needs of the college. Such an investment will reap eternal dividends."

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Progress Of Southern Baptists In 1946

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP GAINS 213,751

Transition from war to peace was reflected in the reports of the 26,401 churches to their annual associational meetings in 1946, as shown in the 1947 Southern Baptist Handbook.

The return of service men was reflected in record gains in church membership, Sunday school and Training Union enrollment. Spiraling inflation during the year was reflected in record giving for local causes and missions. The acute housing shortage called for a substantial increase in the number of parsonages owned by churches.

Creation of new associations in Arkansas, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Texas brought the total number of associations in the South to 928.

N. C. LEADS IN CHURCH GAINS

North Carolina reported the largest gain in number of churches with Tennessee, Georgia, California, and Texas close behind. There were 244 churches reported as disbanded dur-

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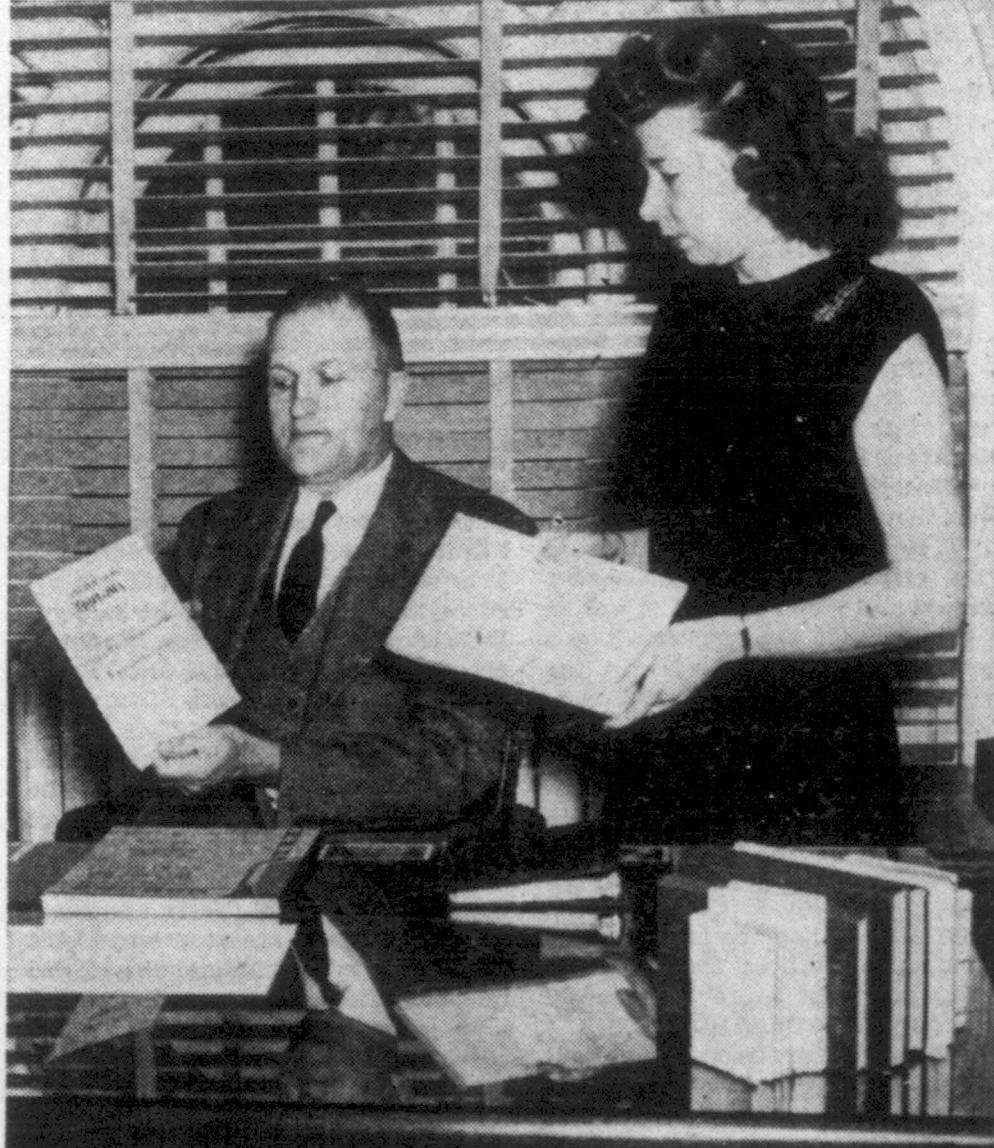
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Brazilian Baptists Have Great Session

By Miss Minnie Landrum

During the 22 years I have been officially connected with the WMU of Brazil I have taken part in 17 of the 18 annual meetings of the Brazilian Baptist Convention and of the Woman's Missionary Union of Brazil. In 1929 I missed the annual meeting in (Continued on Page Two)

HARRISON ONE OF FIRST FOUR TO EARN MUSIC DIPLOMA



Shown above is Rev. Luther A. Harrison, head of the Music Department of Mississippi Baptists, displaying the new music diploma. Mr. Harrison was one of the first four men in the South to receive this new award. Miss Pat Bailey, office secretary, is holding a copy of the song composed by Mr. Harrison and dedicated to Camp Garay-

**STATE BROTHERHOOD HOLDS
INSPIRING CONVENTION**

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retary, led the singing for the Convention. He directed congregational singing in his usual inspiring and worshipful manner and he presented several special musical features during the program. Mrs. W. L. Comper, Jackson, played the piano for the convention.

J. B. Cottingham, Grenada, spoke on the work of the Grenada Brotherhood. His message set a high plane for the entire meeting.

H. L. Boyd (brother of Rev. J. L. Boyd), Raleigh, told the story of the bus trip made by twenty-five men representing Mississippi to Ridgecrest last summer. This group attended Brotherhood week and the Home Missions Conference. Mr. Boyd gave an entertaining and impressive description of the trip and the conferences.

Rev. A. W. Talbert, Jackson, presented representatives of the Brotherhoods in his two country churches, Macedonia, Lincoln, and Tangipahoa, Pike. Henry Stanley represented the men of Macedonia church; and Leon Powell spoke for the Tangipahoa Brotherhood. Both men made good talks about their Brotherhoods and churches.

Chaplain Bryant Speaks

"The Christian Home a Responsibility of our Men" was the subject used by Rev. Jas. A. Bryant, Pricedale. Pastor Bryant is a Lieutenant Colonel in the regular U.S. Army and served as chaplain in the late World War. He made a powerful appeal to the men to make a large place for the practice of religion in their homes.

Rev. Christy Schjveland, Rosedale, sang an impressive solo.

Henry Edmonds, Jackson, spoke on state and district plans for Brotherhood promotion in Mississippi. (Mr. Edmonds was later elected president of the Brotherhood Convention.)

Rev. W. W. Tipton, pastor of the Fernwood Baptist Church, Pike county, discussed the Pike Associational Brotherhood. The Pike men are carrying on a very fine associational Brotherhood program.

George W. Schroeder, Memphis, associate secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, spoke on "Our 1947 South-wide Objectives". Mr. Schroeder greatly inspired the men with his message on soul-winning, Laymen's Revivals, Sabbath observance and the Cooperative Program of Southern and Mississippi Baptists.

Resolutions of appreciation of the work of retiring state Brotherhood Secretary J. H. Street were presented and adopted.

Evening Session

The quartet of the Northside Baptist church, Jackson, and a men's chorus from New Zion Church, Copiah county, sang special numbers in the evening service.

Henry Edmonds, acting as chairman of a special committee on constitution and by-laws, presented a report from the committee, which was adopted.

Elected Officers

Horace Headrick, Laurel, presented the report of the committee on nominations. Henry Edmonds, Jackson, was made president. Theo Holmes, McComb, was elected vice-president and J. B. Cottingham, Grenada, was made secretary-treasurer.

Delta Pastor Heard

Dr. E. D. Elliott, pastor of the First

Baptist Church, Greenville, told of the work of the men in his great church. Dr. Elliott was a chaplain in both World Wars. His message was one of the highlights of the program.

Special Observances Told

V. E. Crawford, of Booneville, told of the observance of Layman's Day by the First Church, Booneville. His story gripped the great body of men in the evening congregation.

Gayle Cooper, chairman of deacons in the Center Terrace Church, Canton, related the experiences of his church in a Layman's Revival. Mr. Cooper gave a most interesting discussion of this new phase of church life among the men.

Love Offering Given Secretary

A love offering of \$225.00 was given by the convention to State Brotherhood Secretary J. H. Street, who will leave the department on May 1 to assume the pastorate of the Second Avenue Church, Laurel. Secretary Street thanked the body for their kind expression and then donated the entire offering to a fund for the purchase of an automobile for the use of the next Brotherhood Secretary. He stated that a car will be greatly needed by the secretary and that no provision for the purchase of a car is made in the department budget.

Dr. Holcomb Makes Principal Address

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, delivered the closing address of the Convention. His subject was "Making Men a Great Missionary Force". Dr. Holcomb captured the hearts of the great body of men in the convention and led them to noble heights of inspiration. He spoke to the Pastors and Laymen's Conference on Monday night.

Smallwood Renders Great Service

Harry Smallwood, of Laurel, who has pioneered in Brotherhood work in Mississippi for years, worked tirelessly and fruitfully as the first president of the Brotherhood Convention. He has been Mississippi member of the executive committee of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South for years. He has also served as chairman of the State Convention Brotherhood Committee. He became president of the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Convention when it was organized in 1946. He has been the central figure in the great Brotherhood movement in Laurel and Jones County. It was at his request that the presidency was passed on to another leader in the election of officers at the 1947 convention.

Jones County Leads in Attendance

Jones County, Brotherhood stronghold in Mississippi, led in attendance in the Convention. A post-convention check showed that 174 men were present from Jones County. First Church, Laurel, had the largest number of representatives from a single church; and West Laurel was second.

NEW BROTHERHOODS

First, Ripley, Rev. George Gay, pastor. Asa Dickerson is Brotherhood president. Other officers are John Peeler, G. F. Ferrell and Frank Gaiter. The secretary-treasurer will be reported soon. We are delighted that Tippah County will soon have an associational Brotherhood, also.

Pinola, Simpson, Rev. V. C. Windham, pastor. Charles A. Stevens is the new president. Claude Albritton, C. G. Bush, and Carl Loftin are vice-presidents. The secretary-treasurer is J. A. White.



Pastor W. A. Hogan, of the Clarke-Venable Memorial Baptist Church, Decatur, who is the State BSU Pastor-Adviser, will bring the opening devotional and will lead a seminar at the State BSU Spring Retreat April 25-26, at Sunflower Junior College, Moorhead.



Miss Carla Albritton, BSU Secretary for Sunflower Junior College, is in charge of local arrangements for the State BSU Retreat next week.

**BRAZILIAN BAPTISTS HAVE
GREAT SESSION**

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the city of Baia being on furlough.

We who have just returned from the 31st annual meeting of the B.B.C. and the 28th of the WMU in Recife believe this was the most spiritual and the finest in every way of them all.

From the singing of the first hymn to the social hour of the last evening we felt very keenly the presence of the Holy Spirit and shall always be very grateful to Him and to the Pernambuco friends for the mountain top experiences which were ours. During these days of difficulties in transportation, we were surprised to know that 186 delegates, representing 11 states, responded to the roll call. (WMS and YWA members). There were also some 400 visitors. Among the delegates were three Brazilian ladies who came in a truck, about 1000 miles overland. Seventeen others, men and women, took 10 days to come from the inland of Baia. It was an inspiration to see their eagerness to learn and made us want to be more zealous for the work of the Master.

"Following Jesus", the theme for the Convention as well as the Watchword for the year, I John 2:6, served as the basis for many inspiring discussions, devotional messages and helpful talks by one of the Union's field workers. She told of her experiences in following Jesus in evangelistic and missionary activities and prepared us for the high peak of the Convention when Beatriz Silva, home missionary, held the audience with her message of how Jesus had walked with her during the 10 years that she has been working in the hinterland of Brazil.

The 1946 statistical report showed a decided increase in nearly all points over 1945. There are at present 1,201 missionary organizations with 27,984 members. There are among the women and young people (YWA's) 10,232 tithers. One in every two. The Union's three special days were widely observed and a love gift of about \$50,000.00 (100,000 cruzeiros) was raised for our two Mission Boards and Training Schools.

The year 1948 will mark the 40th anniversary of our Union. Many plans were made in preparation for the celebration of this important event. One thing that thrilled all who witnessed it was the lovely pageant showing eight living pictures of the Union's activities during the years. All credit

**Calvary, Jackson,
Plans Expansion**

**Construction To Start
At Once**

Sunday was a momentous day with the Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson. Upon recommendation from the Deacons the church voted unanimously to authorize its Building Committee to proceed at once on construction of an educational building. The structure is to be in the form of a "wing", attached to the north side of the main plant extending 90 feet. It is to be 3 stories high and will make possible several new departments of Sunday school work. J. M. Spain of the First Baptist Church is the architect with the Sunday School Boards Department of Architecture in Nashville. The estimated cost of the building is about \$100,000. Calvary's record attendance was reached recently when their Sunday school numbered 1,522 besides the ones in their mission. This additional space will provide for 2000 in Sunday school. The church was enthusiastic in its approval of the project.

Ellis Britt is chairman of the Deacons, and C. H. Cooper is chairman of the Building Committee. Dr. Claud Bowen is pastor. This great church only recently agreed to send its pastor to the Baptist World Alliance and has always been strong in its support of all the Causes of our denomination. This expansion program will make possible an even greater ministry for the cause of Christ.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., April 11— Miss Jean Yates, Houston, Texas, was elected President of the Student Government Council of Blue Mountain College today. Miss Yates is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Kyle M. Yates, Houston, Texas.

Miss Nannie Lou Price of Union Hall Church, Lincoln County, recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions. The Baptist Record is grateful.

goes to Misses Mildred Cox and Alberta Stewart who trained the 50 people who took part in it.

A fine spirit of Christian love and cooperation characterized the Convention, and as Beatriz said: "To us belongs the joy but to God belongs the honor and glory". We humbly thank Him for the untold blessings that were ours in having this sweet fellowship with workers from all corners of this great but needy land.

Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says: “Love Never Fails.” 1 Cor. 13:8

“For The Kingdom is the Lord’s: and He is the Governor Among the Nations,” Psalm 22:28.

I The Power of Personality

—The Canadian Baptist

THE FACE OF THE WORLD has been changed so often by the power of dominant personalities who have loomed up in history either to deface the world by sin-staining schemes or to remould it into something more beautiful and attractive. We think of the might of the Pharaohs and the Caesars; of the prophets and seers of the past. We think of the men who rose out of the common life to make an uncommon impress upon life for good or ill. Lincoln, the rail-splitter, became a dynamic President of the great republic to the south. Carey, the cobbler, became one of the world’s great linguists and the father of modern missions. The masses of men are still largely in the hands and at the mercy of dominating personalities.

There is one Personality, however, which rises above all others the world has ever known, and whose power over the hearts of men will increase with the passing of the centuries. One writer speaks of Him in these terms. “He is brought up in an obscure village. He works in a carpenter’s shop until he is thirty and then for three brief years is an itinerant preacher proclaiming a message and living a life. He never writes a book. Never holds an office. He never raises an army. He never has a family. He never owns a home. He never goes to college. He never travels two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He gathers a little group of friends around him and teaches them his way of life. While still young the tide of popular feeling turns against him. The band of followers forsakes him, one denies him; another betrays him. He is turned over to his enemies. He goes through the mockery of a trial. He is nailed on a cross between two thieves and when dead is laid in a borrowed grave by the kindness of a friend. Such are the facts of his human life. He rises from the dead and after nineteen hundred years we strive to sum up his life and influence. All the armies that ever marched, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned are picayune in their influence on mankind compared with the influence of this one solitary life. He has changed the whole moral climate of the world.”

We do not need to be told who this dominant personality is. He is the Risen Christ. He was tremendously conscious of His power, and on one occasion He gathered a group around Him and asserted “All authority is given unto me in heaven and on earth.” Here is authority without a peer. It is an authority that is not bounded by time or place. The words admit of no qualification, and no limitation. There is something cosmic about them. This great claim should knock some of the pessimism out of us, and lead us to have faith and confidence in the ultimate government of the universe. We claim we have been fighting to create a world of justice, freedom and truth in life. Christ is more concerned about these things than we can ever be and ultimately He will succeed in all these areas of life, for He has authority throughout the whole universe. His plans and purposes must come to pass. In the light of the Resurrection life, that claim stands.

II

We would like to call to your attention the double page center spread Co-operative Program poster in this issue of the Baptist Record. Some of you will want to lift this double page from your Baptist Record, posting one or more copies about the house of worship, on the bulletin board, black board, or walls. We give you on these two pages a break-down on the basis of the \$1,000,000 Co-operative Program goal for 1947, and in another column the break-down on \$1.00. Some of the brethren have been asking that we give them this picture.

III

At a recent session of the Executive Committee, Mr. Dick D. Quin, auditor for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, agencies, and institutions during 1948, was presented. Mr. Quin was welcomed, after which he made a few remarks. The Executive Committee requires all agencies and institutions to allow the auditor free access to all their books at any time. A W.M.U. committee request was deferred for consideration by the entire board as the W.M.U. committee may deem wise. Several requests for aid were considered and passed as State Missions items.

IV

The people at Pace are certainly very cordial and interested in the life and work of the church. They just about packed the house of worship morning and night. Four additions. The inimitable Riley Munday is the much loved pastor. We enjoyed the fellowship of the O. R. Gresham home along with others.

Misses Margaret Redding, Nancy Shive, Betty Love, Emily Souter, and Mr. Bob Wilcher, Jr., were enthusiastic and energetic in inviting people to church.

V

We note in an article by Miss Anabel Power, a member of a well known and prominent family, figures showing that Jackson’s population is 103,975. Some 66,373 are white. Total church memberships are as follows:

Baptists, 14,364; Methodists, 8,487; Presbyterians, 3,118; Catholics, 2,500; Episcopalians, 1,274; Christians, 837; Jewish, 350.

VI

Some of God’s Mysteries

An unbeliever once said, “I will believe only what I can understand; none of that ‘mystery stuff’ for me.”

He was asked to explain this problem: How is it possible for a black cow to eat green grass which makes white milk and churns yellow butter?

Can you explain this mystery of God? Note some other mysteries of His

creation.

Consider the remarkable transformation that takes place when a caterpillar (an upholstered worm) encases itself in its home-made casket and is changed into a beautiful butterfly. Its hair is changed to scales—a million to the square inch; the many legs of the caterpillar become the six legs of the butterfly; the yellow becomes a beautiful red; the crawling instinct becomes a flying instinct.

Thus will God take the life of a sinner and transform it until it glows with the beauty of the Lord and is fragrant with the graces of heaven.

A handful of sand is deposited by the Lord in the heart of the earth. Great heat is applied from beneath and ponderous weight from above until, when it is found by man, it has been miraculously changed into a beautiful fiery opal.

God takes a handful of clay, deposits it deep in the earth, applies great heat beneath it, and when it is found by man it has become a beautiful amethyst, prized highly.

God takes a handful of black carbon, plants it deep in the bowels of the earth, treats it with heat below, presses it with rocks of the mountains above, and transforms it into a glorious diamond fit for a king’s crown.

As God performs these wonderful miracles in nature, He also can transform the souls of men and renew their hearts if they only trust fully in Christ Jesus, the Lord of life.

Note the marvelous accuracy of God in His operations in the three kingdoms of the earth—the animal, the vegetable and the mineral kingdoms. This is apparent in the hatching of eggs, for example:

The eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days; those of the canary in 14 days; those of the barnyard hen in 21 days; those of ducks and geese in 28 days; those of the mallard in 35 days; those of the parrot and the ostrich in 42 days.

God knows how to regulate nature. Only the One who made you can successfully direct you. Only the One who made your brain and your heart can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

God’s wisdom is seen in the structure of the elephant. The four legs of this great beast bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal should have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it could rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.

The cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first. How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God’s wisdom is revealed in His arrangements of sections and segments as well as in the number of grains.

Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.

Each orange has an even number of segments.

Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

The waves of the sea roll in on the shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirtyfold, sixtyfold and a hundredfold—all even numbers.

God has caused all flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day, so that Linneus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature he could tell the time of the day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed.

Thus the Lord, in His wonderful grace, can arrange the life that is entrusted to His care in such a way that it will carry out His purposes and plans. Only the life given over to the care of the Lord is safe.

Another mystery as yet unsolved by man is this: God causes the limb of a tree to grow straight out from the trunk for a distance of forty, fifty or sixty feet, with no other anchorage than fifteen or eighteen inches of fibers which lost themselves in the trunk of the tree. No human being has discovered how to apply this principle in the construction of buildings or bridges.

God takes oxygen and hydrogen, both of them odorless, tasteless and colorless, and combines them with carbon which is insoluble, black and tasteless. The result of this combination is beautiful, white, sweet sugar. How does God do it? I do not understand.

I know only that God can take your life—drab, useless and fruitless—and transform it into a beautiful garden of the sweetest graces for His glory. He will do this for you, if you will trust your life to Him!

—“Christ’s Ambassadors Herald.”

Vaiden Baptists To Build

Vaiden Baptists are planning to build a new church and are asking all who will to aid them. A letter from a member of the finance committee, J. G. Fullilove says:

“We will greatly appreciate any donation that you see fit to give.”

Contributions should be sent to Mr. Fullilove at Vaiden.

The First Baptist Church of Philadelphia has recently purchased a moving picture projector, and is utilizing a high type of religious, educational, and recreational films in the visual program of the church.

Lexington: Layman’s night was observed on Sunday night, April 6. The program was inspiring. Features were a 25 voice male chorus, a quintet, an octet and a timely message by Hon. Tom Q. Ellis, clerk of the State Supreme Court.

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Editorial Approved

A retired Baptist preacher writes as follows:

I appreciated very much your Editorial in the week's Record on Another Radio Suggestion. Recently I sat by a battery radio set out where there are no electric lights and listened to the Baptist Hour. With me was an old couple with limited education and, as I listened to that message couched in choice words, I realized that much of it was in an unknown tongue so far as that aged couple was concerned. It reminded me of an experience in my first 'City pastorate'. Somehow I got hold of a card with a list of sermon subjects list by some pastor and felt impressed to 'go and do likewise'. I not only prepared a list; but like the other fellow I adopted some subjects that were 'high sounding'. One was on Human Incredulity. A few days after the delivery one of my educated members said to me, "Brother Simmons I enjoyed your sermon Sunday; but it took me some time to get what you meant by Human Incredulity. You would say Human Incredulity and I wondered what you meant; but when you got to talking about Doubt I understood" There I learned my lesson and whenever I use technical terms I try to break them down for the practical people and have had many compliments on the clearness of my messages.

If our Radio Broadcasts are to interest and challenge the masses they must be spoken in the language of the masses. Should I say, we need more of heart and less of head. Now I have gotten that out of my system and I want to thank you again for what you said. I hope it will be given serious consideration by the committee.

preachers, which we discussed in last weeks issue. We mean the music. It is good. It's fine. It's too highbrow. We would suggest that the music portion of the program be furnished along with the preacher. If he comes from the city pastorate let him use the trained choir and the music director; if the speaker is a town preacher, bring along the choir from his church and if it is an old fashioned rural preacher let him bring along his quartette or choir. If Southern Baptists mean EVANGELISTIC BUSINESS and expect to save lost souls through the preaching of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, we might take a cue from some of the gospel programs which claim the larger listening audiences, who not only have good broadcasting time but the kind of preaching and music that the public wants to hear.

Brethren, we claim democracy in our denomination and contend, tenaciously, that each person has the privilege of one vote and an opportunity to express their honest opinions. There will be those who, upon reading this editorial, will flare up with resentment but if we are honest with ourselves and the Commission we have to "preach the Word" we must be equally honest in discerning the "what" which will win the most souls to the Lord Jesus through the expediency of our Baptist Hour broadcasts. Old fashioned Gospel preaching is no more out of date today than is the Great Commission and its the only kind of preaching and singing that has ever reaped a harvest in the fields already white unto the harvest. Let's try it!

—BR—

The Meridian Seminary

Remember the story about the fellow who fell into a ditch while admiring the stars? With world events taking such a large share of our interests—as well they should—there is a possibility that we may overlook some things which are much closer home, things in which we have a right and a responsibility to be just as interested.

Do you know that the Meridian Baptist Seminary is one of the oldest and most influential Christian schools for Negroes in the State?

Do you know that this institution owns one entire block in the city of Meridian, 30 to 31st Avenue and 15th to 16th Streets?

Do you know that this property is free from debt and is probably valued at one hundred to two hundred thousand dollars?

Do you know that the school has at present more than two hundred

students in training for better Christian citizenship?

Do you know that the colored ministry of East Mississippi is interested in acquiring better Christian training for itself and that this self-interest has been responsible for this debt free property?

Do you know that this Negro ministry in its leadership has not called on the public at large, before, for financial aid?

Do you know that the Meridian Baptist Seminary is giving itself to this very profound task of Christian training?

Do you know that the Seminary's Division of Theological Training has thus a tremendous job and that this job needs to be done NOW!

One of the Key's Field Barracks buildings has been bought by the Lauderdale County Baptist W.M.U. (white) as a memorial gift for this purpose and must be demolished, transferred and reconstructed on the campus. This must be done Now!

We must have \$10,000.00 within sixty days.

You can give with confidence, knowing that all funds are administered by a Board of competent Trustees with a bonded Treasurer and an Advisory Committee of outstanding White business men and ministers, Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor of First Baptist Church, Chairman.

We thank you in advance for your liberal gift.

Send checks and remittances to Dr. D. A. McCall, P.O. Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss., and designate them for the Division of Theological Training, Meridian Baptist Seminary.

HERBERT L. LANG
President

—BR—

Ridgecrest Time Is Drawing Near

Southern Baptists have a series of conferences for all phases of our denominational life. Your Sunday School Superintendent will be a better superintendent if your church will send him to Ridgecrest for the Southwide Sunday School Conference and your Training Union Director will be a better director if he has the opportunity to attend one week of the Training Union Conference.

These officers serve without remuneration year in and year out. Would it not be a fine gesture on the part of your church to take care of the expenses of these two leaders that they may gain information and inspiration from days with the best leadership our denomination has and that they may have fellowship with others from

other churches and states who are serving in similar capacities.

It will be impossible to estimate returns on such an investment by your church. Reservations will have to be made early. Begin planning now for these key people in your church to attend these conferences.

—BR—

Go To Copenhagen

News from various sources indicate that, despite previous reports, shipping space has been secured for most of the people who have made requests for reservations for the trip to the Baptist World Alliance which meets at Copenhagen, Denmark July 27-August 2.

Two months ago indications were that only a fraction of those desiring to go could secure reservations on the trans-Atlantic liners. It seems now that many more can be accommodated.

Dr. J. W. (Bill Marshall, who has been planning the All-American tour states that all who have made requests to Thos. Cooke and Sons whom he represents, and have sent their reservation money have been given reservations. He urges that everyone planning to make the trip but not yet having reservations should make such application immediately. Full information about how to make reservations was carried in a recent issue of the Baptist Record.

Dr. Marshall also states that there are plenty of vacancies by air.

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E.C.J.C. At Decatur Observes Religious Emphasis Week

Religious Emphasis Week was recently observed at East Central Junior College, Decatur. The meetings were well supported by both faculty and students.

A student group from Mississippi College led the services. Those in the party were:

James A. Clark, chairman, Decatur; Clarice Graham, worker, Decatur; William "Pete" Evans, preacher, Union; Earl Moody, speaker, Louisville; Kenneth Mavity, song leader, of Georgia; Bobbie Haynie, pianist, New Orleans; Minnie Mae Lenny, singer, Pascagoula; Terry Hatchett, speaker, Glassgow, Ky.; Geneva Davis, singer, Meridian; Wayne Coleman, singer and preacher, Louisville; Jack Glaze, speaker, Pelahatchie; and Elmore Ray, speaker, of Chalybeate, Miss.

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Rev. Chester Moulder, B.S.U. Secretary on Mississippi Southern Campus recently brought a group of students from the Campus and led First Church in the most spiritual revival we have had in Leakesville in years. Never have we felt so empowered with the Holy Spirit and the results were far beyond our expectation. The revival here was the sixth of this spring led by the B.S.U. group with some six or eight engagements yet to be filled. We had ten dedications for special service, four of whom were among our own membership.—M. E. PERRY, Pastor.

A Third Suggestion For The Radio Hour

The third suggestion about the Baptist Hour Radio program is corollary with the matter of

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Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, the World's largest Baptist Hospital, offers you a nursing education which will train you to live as well as to earn.

Opportunities in nursing are practically unlimited, and, in addition, you have the satisfactory experience of being of service to humanity and to your country. You can serve in a hospital, develop a private practice, enter Government or Public Health Service.

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Religious activities are many and varied, and are arranged to provide maximum value to student nurses. Students are encouraged to take part in the activities of some church. Prayer meetings are held in the beautiful chapel. In Memphis there are opportunities for cultural and educational growth. Frequent parties and dinners are planned for the students by Baptist Memorial Hospital.

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

• Southern Baptist Foreign Missions •

M. THERON RANKIN,
Executive Secretary

E. C. ROUTH,
Editor, THE COMMISSION

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The Foreign Mission Board in semi-annual session April 8-9 appointed 56 missionaries, the largest number ever appointed at any one time in the history of the Board. These appointments make a total of 62 for the year thus far. Prior to this meeting, the largest number appointed at one time was 48 in 1923.

Of the 56 missionaries, 12 are going to Nigeria, 14 to China, one to Mexico, 18 to South America, two to Japan, five to Hawaii, two to Italy, and two to Spain.

While a goal of 100 new missionaries had been set for 1947, eighty was voted as the maximum number of appointments by the September meeting, at which time the Board will consider the advisability of naming additional missionaries at the October semiannual meeting.

It is anticipated that all missionaries now under appointment will be on their respective fields early next fall.

Mr. Buxton, treasurer of the Board, reported total receipts of \$2,253,704.74, for the first quarter of this year, an increase of \$215,759.37 over the corresponding period last year. In the first quarter of the year we have received through the Cooperative Program a total of \$801,374 which represents an increase of approximately \$50,000 over the same period of last year. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has reached \$1,362,000 which represents an increase of \$160,000 over the offering of the previous year.

Among the new missionaries appointed are four doctors and five nurses.

Blue Mountain College, Mississippi, led with the largest number, six of the new missionaries having come from that institution. Next in order were Mississippi College, Baylor University, Carson - Newman College, Howard Payne College, with five each; and Oklahoma Baptist University, Hardin - Simmons University, William Jewell College, Howard College, with two each.

Southern Seminary and the W.M.U. Training School were represented by 22; Southwestern Seminary, 21; and New Orleans Seminary five.

Four of the new recruits are children of missionaries: Franklin Fowler (Argentina), Theresa Anderson (China), Patsy Patterson Lawton (Nigeria), and Juanita Jo Wilcox Dickson (Brazil). Two of these new missionaries will return to their native countries; Mrs. Lawton goes with her husband to Italy, and Dr. Fowler to Paraguay.

Of \$98,000,000 contributed by local churches through the Cooperative Program for 1946, only \$5,700,000 went to the Executive Committee for all Southwide agencies. This is the total provision for both operating and capital needs for the Southwide agencies. We are, therefore, compelled to face the recommendation by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention that, at a time when the world is tragically calling on us

to expand our foreign missionary undertaking, we must place a limit on the funds that can be used for this purpose.

In resuming work in wartorn countries, we are glad to report that 120 missionaries have already returned to China, two to Spain, two to Italy, and one to Japan. There are indications that restrictions in Japan will be lifted this summer and we are hoping that by fall we shall be able to have in Japan most of the 17 missionaries of our Board who are under appointment for that country.

Arrangements are being made for Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, to visit Japan this spring. He will spend some weeks in making a careful survey with Mr. Dozier and Japanese Baptist leaders. Because of the personal convictions of the secretarial staff and members of the Foreign Mission Board, and in line with the policies of the Southern Baptist Convention, our Board and missionaries are not prepared to conduct missionary work in Japan through the Church of Christ in Japan or any kind of overhead interdenominational committee or organization. It is our purpose to continue to sponsor missionary undertakings in Japan as well as in other countries in direct relation with the Baptist churches, associations, and conventions with which our Board is associated. The survey which Dr. Cauthen will make with Japanese Baptists and the recommendations which he will present to the Foreign Mission Board for a future program in Japan will be based upon these policies.

Greenville Chinese To Establish

Mission Station In China

1st Church Sends Dr. And Mrs. Woo

Fulfilling a dream of many years, Dr. and Mrs. Irving Woo of Greenville, have returned to China to open a mission at the birthplace of Dr. Woo.

The project in the land of his birth will be operated as a sub-mission of the Chinese Mission of the First Baptist Church of Greenville, Dr. E. D. Elliot, pastor. During the seven years Dr. and Mrs. Woo have lived in Greenville, they have taught and worked actively with the Baptist Mission.

Through their Chinese and American friends in Greenville, \$500.00 was raised to launch the Woo's work in the Orient. Arrangements were made with a local bank to handle the funds subject to Dr. Woo's orders.

Kern Pratt and D. I. Young of Greenville have been appointed trustees for the fund and will solicit contributions for a continuous working balance to further the sub-mission program.

Since his conversion at the age of 14, Dr. Woo has dreamed and planned to return to his home and establish a church. His return to China is the culmination of his hopes as a Christian.

Dr. and Mrs. Woo are graduates of



Department of Church Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

WALTHALL COUNTY MUSIC PROGRAM

One of the most unique and far-reaching programs I have heard about or seen is in the rural schools of Walthall county; Mr. W. C. Smith, county Superintendent of Education.

Each rural school in the county has a Rhythm Band, Junior Chorus, Senior Chorus and a Band. The music program is directed by C. Edward Yarborough assisted by Mrs. Stella Mae Bell.

Twenty four hundred pupils have participated in this program, tuition free with all music and instruments furnished by the county.

Your Secretary was invited to their Annual Music Festival. This county has the largest Rural Band in the United States. They plan to enter the State contest next year.

This program makes it possible for every boy and girl in the county to study music. This influence will reflect in the music program of the churches if they take advantage of it.

Superintendent Smith is to be congratulated on this great program. Mr. Yarborough has done a mammoth job with a large number of pupils in six months time. Miss Bell's work with the Choral groups has been very unusual. We are for them and trust that our musician friends in other counties will take up this work and carry it throughout the state.

NEW ALBANY EASTER MUSIC

The First Baptist Church at New Albany gave their Easter cantata last Sunday night. The church choir, youth choir and orchestra under the direction of Gordon Sather thrilled a large

First Church, Kosciusko, had a record attendance at Sunday School on Easter Sunday. The attendance was 622. B.T.U. attendance was 158.

Due to the excessive amount of spot news in this issue of the Baptist Record, Dorothy Page and the crossword puzzle are being omitted. They will be continued in next week's issue.

Rev. J. A. Barnhill begins a tent meeting at Alta Woods, Jackson, April 20. This is a fast growing suburb of Jackson.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., April 11—Five of the fifty-six missionaries appointed yesterday by the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., were graduates of Blue Mountain College. They are as follows: Theresa Anderson, New Orleans, La.; Mary Lee Trenor Askew, Sardis; Rowena Gunter, Falwell, Sallis; Nella Dean Mitchell, Louisville; Zelma Van Osdol, Pascagoula.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

April 13, 1947

	S.S. B.T.U.
Jackson, Parkway	481 159
Jackson, Daniel	188 58
Jackson, Van Winkle	226 143
Jackson, Northside	252 71
Jackson, First	1,210 376
Jackson, Calvary	1,243 266
Jackson, Calvary including	
Stone St. Mission	1,287 282
Paul Truitt, Rankin County	46 33
New Albany	620 220
Hattiesburg, Fifth Avenue	363 84
Lucedale	240 66
Rocky Creek, George County	183 108
Crystal Springs	394 70
Corinth, Tate Street	218 62
Tupelo, Calvary	338 90
Centreville	121 21
East McComb	378 180
Pickens	69
Bethel, Rankin County	47 26
Laurel, Beacon	187 57
Gulfport, First	543 119
Batesville	223 56
Pascagoula, First	682 120
Rocky Springs,	
Yazoo County	35
Brookhaven, First	641 98
West Point	445 116
Darling	68 26
Hattiesburg, Main Street	752 176
Hebron, Yazoo County	49 44
Laurel, First	482 98
West Laurel	264 90
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Friendship, Pike County	188 111
Booneville	241 89
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Laurel, First	758 125
East McComb	425 232
Corinth, Tate Street	229 61
Booneville	261 93
Rocky Creek,	
George County	200 100
Lucedale	232 57
Brooklyn	86 61
Liberty Hill, Panola County	79 34
Tupelo, First	730 156
Providence, Tippah County	45
Woodville	171 40
Picayune, Goodeye	118 38
Picayune, First	413 103
Batesville	210 49
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	83 42

audience with their music.

The program was rendered in a very effective way. The directing was definite and the choir knew their music. Quite a variety was accomplished by using different choirs and the orchestra.

HYMN PLAYING CONTEST

All church Hymn Playing contests should be held by April 15. The Associational contests will be held Sunday, May 18. Watch your county paper for articles on your contest.

MORE SUGGESTIONS ABOUT MISS. LAW ENFORCEMENT

By Norman W. Cox, D.D.

The greatest barrier to effective law enforcement in Mississippi is the feeling in the hearts of the thousands of people who want it that "nothing can be done". There are several hundred thousand people in Mississippi who want something done. They are completely disorganized and discouraged. The law-breakers and those who assist them in their law-breaking are organized. They are a small compact group who know what they want and go and get it. The opponents of gambling and the sale of liquor are like grains of sand without cement. We can and will do nothing until we mobilize ourselves for action. This we can do and it will not be as difficult to do it as some might think. In this article and the ones that follow I am going to tell how it can effectively be done.

About five years ago in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, one man got an idea. He was a preacher. He does not seem to have had a very extended influence when he started. He believed that he was called of God to do a certain job there. Law enforcement in Louisville was if anything in a worse situation than it is in Mississippi. For two years he sought others to join him in his crusade. Finally they organized the Louisville Christian Citizens Council. In these three years since that council was organized they have accomplished almost unbelievable things for the improvement of law observance and enforcement in Louisville, Kentucky. All that was done was to enlist in a militant organization a reasonable number of Christian men and women who dedicated themselves to the task of arousing that city and leading its good people to have the kind of law enforcement that Christian people wanted in their city. In another article we will detail some of their plans and methods. We concern ourselves today only with the organization itself.

Already in Mississippi the very thing that was done in Louisville has spontaneously been created in several counties. I know of such organizations that have been developed in Oktibbeha, Lauderdale, Jones, Scott and Marshall counties. There may be others that I have not heard about. They furnish us a pattern that should be followed in the next six weeks in every county in Mississippi. The first step to securing state-wide law observance and enforcement and to accomplish the objectives that are dear to our heart will be to create a Citizen's Christian Council in each county in the State.

I feel that Dr. W. L. Holcomb is especially called of God to lead us in this great work. I rejoice that our Baptist people have initiated it. However, it cannot be just a Baptist undertaking. The brethren of all faiths and many good citizens of no faith will want to share in this great effort. Dr. Holcomb knows how to set up this kind of an organization and we are going to cooperate with him to the limit.

How does one go about organizing a county Citizen's Christian Council? The way we did it in Lauderdale county was as follows: About a dozen of us were brought together out of a conference of two Baptist preachers

Holcomb Honored By Forest Church

Honoring Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Holcomb and their son, Truett, the Forest Baptist church entertained with a "pot luck supper" at a fellowship hour following the Wednesday evening service on April 2, attended by 200 members and friends.

A receiving line formed by the deacons and their wives greeted the guests as they entered the Fidelis class room to enjoy the bountiful supper. After this the crowd adjourned to the annex where the auditorium stage had been transformed into a "fairyland" featuring seasonal decorations, centered by a vine-covered wishing well. Mrs. John Stanley and her daughter, Patricia delighted the guests with a group of piano numbers.

Mrs. Floyd Noblin, dressed as a fairy queen, summoned three little girls Mildred Gains, Elaine Noblin and Jacqueline Johnson, also dressed as fairies, who called the guests of honor to the wishing well. From this, Dr. Holcomb drew a love gift from the church, a set of sterling silver, bearing the following:

"This gift is just a taken

Of all the wishes left unspoken."

The pastor and Mrs. Holcomb accepted the gift in a most gracious

and the Methodist district superintendent. There were six preachers and six laymen. We privately selected about sixty men whom we felt certain would be willing to undertake such an effort. We privately invited them to a private meeting. About fifty of them came. There we discussed the situation and they all agreed that we should create this organization. We tried to have in that first meeting someone from every section of the county. We elected officers, a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and an executive committee of seven of whom the elected officers were members. We decided upon the requirements for membership in the Citizen's Christian Council.

CITIZENS CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Membership Pledge

I hereby express my whole-hearted desire to see better law enforcement and law observance in Lauderdale County, my willingness to be counted openly on the side of those who are seeking, such, and my request to be enrolled as a member of the Citizens Christian Council.

Signed _____

Address _____

When that had been done we published in the paper the facts about the organization that we had created and had those who had entered into creating the organization to sign their names to the announcement. Along with that we printed a copy of the membership pledge and invited all who were willing to join the Citizens Christian Council and to dedicate

their influence, their time and effort to furthering its objectives to attend the meeting. Our membership has grown. We have already accomplished something worth while and we are on the way to accomplishing a great deal more. Those who are leading this council have taken a vow before God that they will not stop until they have attained the larger goals they are seeking.

(Continued next week)

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary

Box 530 - - - Phone 2-1600 - - Jackson

DAUNIE JEAN SMITH, Office Secretary

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Wouldn't you like to share some spending money by giving to the MSCW Student Center through Dr. D. A. McCall, Box 530 Jackson? No amount is too little or too big. . . Can anyone tell me why an Indian wears feathers in his hair? Sure. To keep his wigwam. . . One of the greatest crimes I can think about is to rob God. Can you think of a greater? Are you a robber of God? If you don't pay Him His tithe, the Bible says with unmistakable clarity that that's exactly what you are. Christian friend, surely you would not consciously rob God any longer. . . We are glad that the new pastor at Indianola Church, Brother David Cranford, has accepted our invitation to appear on the Spring Retreat program. . . We now have thirty-one on the Youth Revival list. Are there others? Last week a big citywide revival was held in Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. Clark McMurray, an MC grad, was one of the preachers. Another was Reiji Hoshibaki, recently at MC Focus Week. . . BSU'ers all over the State will greatly miss Dr. Franks, recently resigned as pastor at First Church, Columbus. Dr. Franks is an avowed friend of young people and of our work. We appreciate all these years of his gracious help and support and wish him and Mrs. Franks Godspeed in their new work. . . E. Miss., Jr., College, Scooba had their student revival last week. . .

Youth Revivalists Wait

Brother Pastor, wouldn't you like to have a team of Baptist college students, who want to witness to the saving power of Christ, for a meeting in your church this summer? These young people are praying and working Christians and ask no remuneration for their services—only their expenses. If you would like to have a team of three, four, five, or any other number, or if you need just a preacher or a song leader, write me at Box 530, Jackson. I suggest that you write at the earliest possible time, for already a good many of these young people have stopped waiting for revival requests from you pastors and have committed themselves to other tasks for the summer. Let us not fail to give them the opportunity for revival work for which they have so consecratedly volunteered

manner after which the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "Blest Be the Tie" brought the occasion to a close as friends bade the Holcombs God-speed as they leave for a new field of work.

Special guests for this occasion were the Rev. and Mrs. Truett Boyd of Prentiss. Mrs. Boyd is an accomplished musician and entertained the audience with several selections on the new Hammond organ which has just been installed.

Dr. and Mrs. Holcomb will make their home in Clinton while he carries on the work he has assumed as Temperance Director for the committee named by the Baptists last fall.

Some weeks ago, in their noonday prayer meeting, Blue Mountain students heard talks on the following soul-winners: Borden of Yale, David Livingstone, William Grenfell, Dwight L. Moody, Charles H. Spurgeon, Joe Burton, Geo. W. Truett. . . Miss. State BSU'ers recently contributed \$151.50 to the current Miss. Woman's College campaign for funds. . . One conversion and one joining the college church is reported from Delta State; 120 of the 123 Baptist students at Sunflower Jr., are enrolled in at least one unit organization, 61 contribute systematically to the church, and the Inverness Baptist Church recently gave them 45 song books; 110 are members of the Ministerial Association at Clarke, 75 are members of a college WMU, one student recently joined the Newton church; there are 69 subscribers to the *Baptist Student*; 150 boarding students at Miss. Southern are members of one of the Hattiesburg Baptist churches; 3 Miss. State students joined the Starkville church recently; one East Central Jr. student recently joined the Decatur church, and "The Plan of Salvation", a study course, was completed by 15 students; 3 Miss. College students recently placed their membership in the Clinton church. . . Editor E. D. Solomon, of the Florida Baptist Witness, recently paid a great tribute to the work of our own Chester Swor in the columns of that publication. . . We, of the BSU, Miss. Baptists generally, but more particularly the Brotherhood of our State, are sorry to see Bro. Jimmy Street leave the Brotherhood work; yet we are glad to see him reenter the pastorate for we believe like he does that God has called him to be a pastor. Bro. Street has done a truly monumental work among our Miss. Baptist laymen—and pastors, too, for that matter. . . Read recently this comment: "If you growl all day, it's only natural you feel dog-tired at night". . . Our First Church, Jackson, pastor, Dr. Hudgins brought the incomparable Christ, our Saviour, into sharp relief in his Spirit-empowered messages during the recent week of Spiritual Emphasis. It was a great week which effected a spiritual awakening of some of God's people in our church. . . Appreciated the privilege of talking on our work before the prayer meeting group at Van Winkle Church. Bro. Herman Milner, the pastor, is providing fine leadership for a great group of progressive Christians. . .

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CHAPLAIN HAS RECORD

Chaplain J. B. Gonia has something of a record, according to the ship's paper on the Zebulon Vance. It states that Capt. Gonia has sailed on seven ships on as many trips across the ocean, and two others in connection with his services in China during the war. Mrs. Gonia and the two small daughters are at Sheepshead Bay. The mother, Mrs. J. A. Gonia resides at Utica, Miss. He was formerly pastor in this state.

One Million Dollars!

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS are out for \$1,000,000 through the Cooperative Program during 1947. Let us say that if we should raise \$1,040,000, the distribution for 1947 would be about as follows: \$40,000 preaching and promotional expense--so called overhead--leaving \$1,000,000 for Statewide and Southwide distribution as follows:

\$1.00 divides as follows:

60% to Statewide Causes	\$600,000.00	.60c
Christian Education--25%	\$250,000.00	.25c
<small>On the same basis, the Christian Education breakdown is as follows:</small>		
Mississippi College 35%	\$87,500.00	.0875c
Blue Mountain College 30%	75,000.00	.075 c
Miss. Woman's College 20%	50,000.00	.05 c
Clarke Mem. College 15%	37,500.00	.375 c
State Missions 20%	\$200,000.00	.20 c
Baptist Hospital 8 1/2%	85,000.00	.085 c
Ministerial Education 3%	30,000.00	.03 c
Orphanage 2%	20,000.00	.02 c
Baptist Foundation 1 1/2%	15,000.00	.15 c
<small>Only Mississippi Baptists make possible the above picture.</small>		
40% to Southwide and Worldwide Causes	\$400,000.00	.40c
Home Missions--18%	\$72,000.00	.072 c
<small>Southwide Baptist Foundation</small>		

40% to Southwide and Worldwide

Southwide and Worldwide receipts will be multiplied by the other twenty State Conventions

State Conventions.
Grand total Cooperative Program monies for 1947 in Mississippi--\$1,000,
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000.00. We see from this that all our causes and agencies will get a generous allotment through the Cooperative Program if we attain the \$1,000,000.00 goal. Designations, of course, will be over and above.

★ CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM ★

Sparks And Splinters

Dr. J. Theodore Mueller, Professor in Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, is the author of **GREAT MISSIONARIES TO AFRICA**. Africa's best history for the past century is found in the missionary enterprise. Dr. Mueller gives graphically the stories of 13 missionaries. He describes their toils and labors, their victories and successes, and their call to us to serve as they have served. Material is provided in this volume which could only be secured otherwise by reading a number of books. Published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, the book may be ordered from the publishers or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is \$1.25.

Memphis and Shelby County Baptists are planning to invite the Southern Baptist Convention to Memphis in 1948, according to an announcement by Moderator of the Shelby County Association, Rev. E. Pitt Woodruff.

The **Baptist Record** is in receipt of a letter from Prentiss, Mississippi, but we are unable to answer because the writer did not sign his name. It concerns "Dorothy Page" and if the writer will identify himself, we can go farther into the matter.

Rev. J. W. Kitchens of Ackerman has been called as pastor of Kerman Church, Beauragard Association, Louisiana. His address is Ragley, Louisiana. A pastor's home has been purchased and pastor Kitchens and wife have moved in. Mississippians regret to lose Mr. Kitchens. He was well-liked and a hard worker.

Oak Grove Church, Calhoun County, recently finished a four day course in building a standard Sunday School. The course was conducted by Carmen Savell and the pastor, Rev. A. F. Brasher. Enrollment was thirty-eight.

HOME MISSIONS for April contains an article by Gladys Keith, Superintendent of Rachel Sims Memorial Mission, New Orleans, an alumna of Blue Mountain College, entitled **I Visited a Prison**. The young women mentioned in the article, who helped her with the service, also are Blue Mountain alumnae—Betty Jane Watts and Amelia Rappold.

The **Baptist Record** appreciates the faithfulness of pastor D. D. Satterwhite of Houston, in getting the Baptist Record in many of the homes of that good church. A recent list of renewals from that church was sent in by Pastor Satterwhite.

Wanted used pews or opera chairs for Woodlawn Baptist Church, Vicksburg. Write or call Rev. James H. Fairchild, 1101 First North, Vicksburg or phone 3060.

A Southern Baptist Missionary living in Rio de Janeiro writes, "One must be a good Catholic to receive the benefits (relief) they offer. Children of our Sunday school suffer discrimination because they are from evangelical homes, and sometimes are told that they must take their "First communion" if they are to continue in school."

W. T. Waring, director of Education and Evangelism, Great Lakes Baptist Association, 9621 S. Chappell Avenue, Chicago, 17, Illinois, writes that there are many Southern Baptists in Chicago. The Great Lakes Association is affiliated with the Illinois Baptist State Association and the Southern Baptist Convention. Each church is a co-operating church and only Southern Baptists literature and methods are being used. The people of the area are anxious to get in touch with Southern Baptists living in Greater Chicago who are not affiliated with Baptist churches.

If you have friends in this area, you are asked to send their names and addresses to Mr. Waring at the address given above.

Crenshaw Church held its spring revival the first week of April. Rev. C. W. Thompson of Aberdeen did the preaching and Rev. Guy Reedy, the Crenshaw pastor, led the singing with Mrs. R. B. Park at the piano. Good crowds attended the services and much interest was manifested. There was one addition. The six o'clock Easter sunrise service was very sacred and inspiring.

Mrs. L. C. Ates of Pine Grove Church, Simpson County, recently sent in a nice list of new subscriptions for the **Baptist Record**. Such faithfulness as this has helped the **Baptist Record** maintain its high record of circulation.

C. Butler whose post office address is Maben, Rt. 1, recently sent a nice list of subscriptions for Self Creek Church, Okfuskeeha County.

Mrs. M. G. Mowdy, Rt. 3, Union, Mississippi, recently sent a nice list of subscriptions from Bethesda Church, Neshoba County. Mrs. Mowdy is the Sunday School secretary. Many Sunday Schools throughout the state are sending the **Baptist Record** to every family of the church.

The Southeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet April 21, at First Church, Laurel. At noon the Conference will be luncheon guests of Rev. and Mrs. B. E. Massey at their new home. The following will have parts on the program: Rev. Leonard Van Horn, Rev. E. L. Howell, Dr. Mark Lowry, Dr. L. G. Gates and Dr. J. W. Parrish.

The March report of Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary, of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention shows that Mississippi's gifts were tenth, with a total of \$26,332. Contributions to the Cooperative Program amounted to \$16,975 of the total. Total gifts for the month for the twenty states were \$473,035.

Minutes of the thirty-fifth annual session of Jefferson Davis Association have been received by the **Baptist Record**. C. V. Sutton is moderator and L. C. Burkett, clerk.

Joseph Silas Johnson age 37, whose address is Box 113, Walnut Grove, Mississippi, and who served several years as a chaplain is available for a pastorate, since his separation from the service in March. Mr. Johnson is an A.B. graduate of Louisiana College, and also attended Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. Prior to his service in the Army he held several pastorate in Louisiana.

Rev. and Mrs. Allen Webb, Mississippians and Mississippi College graduates are welcoming a son, James Allen Webb, born March 21. They are also the parents of a daughter, Beverly, age 2 1/2. Mr. Webb is pastor of the First Church, Throckmorton, Texas. Mrs. Webb is the former Leila Mae Runnels.

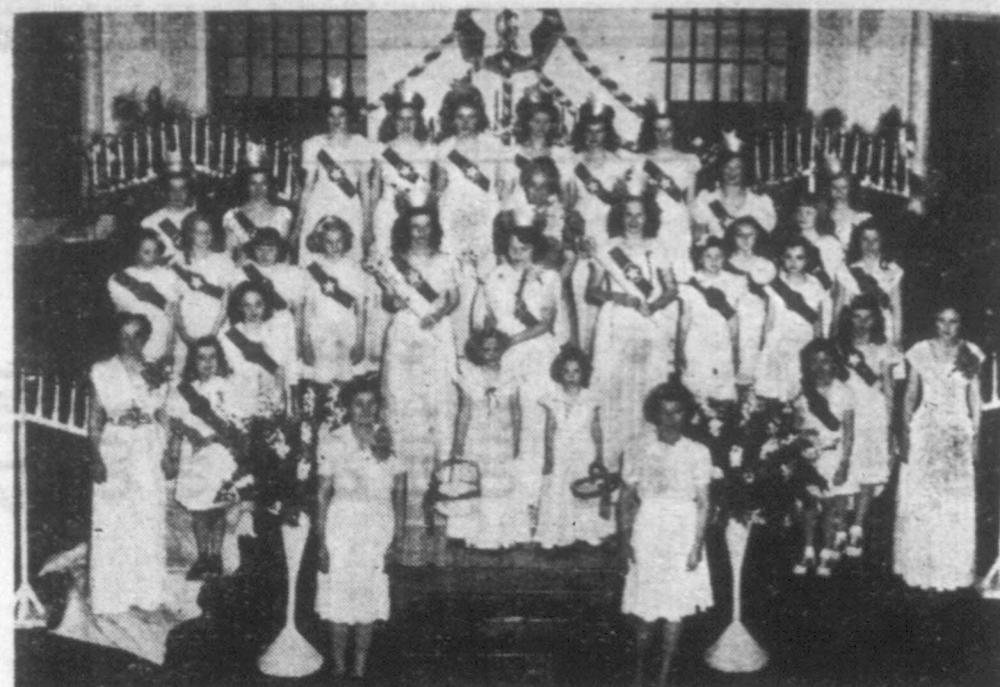
Sixteen persons were baptized in Merigold recently by Rev. Felton Warren and Pastor J. W. Sturdivant. The converts were from three churches. Dr. D. A. McCall will preach in the revival services at Merigold church April 20-27th. Pastor J. W. Sturdivant requests that you remember them in prayer.

In the recent Simultaneous Revival Campaign, the South Antonio Church, San Antonio, Texas, had 265 additions and decisions, 138 by baptism. Dr. John Daniel Brown is pastor and Louis Wunnenburger of Austin, Texas, did the preaching.

41st Avenue Meridian: During the month of March there have been 24 additions, 14 by baptism. The people are doing much praying and personal work.

Rev. W. Lowrey Compre, pastor of Northside Church, Jackson, will lead the revival at 41st Avenue Church, Meridian, April 24-May 4.

Rev. J. H. Hooks, Mississippian, and pastor of First Baptist Church of Rayville, Louisiana, recently assisted in a revival at Benton, Louisiana. There were nine additions and pastor Hooks reports a fine spirit all the way through.



CORONATION SERVICE HELD IN FIRST CHURCH, NEW ALBANY

The Girl's Auxiliaries of the First Church, New Albany, were given special emphasis in a Coronation Service on February 16.

Mrs. H. N. Graham, President of the Woman's Missionary Union, introduced Miss Edwina Robinson, Executive Secretary of State W.M.U., who presided, and in her winsome way made each step the girls took a meaningful step in the girl's lives. Mrs. Carroll Patterson and Mrs. Gaston Griffin were in charge of the program assisted by Mrs. W. L. Norman and Mrs. Lawrence Londen. Mrs. T. A. Beard is Young People's Leader.

The following were recognized as Maidens: Nan Rutledge, Patsy Loden, Cornelia Parker, Dorothy Parker, Dorothy Hill, Janice Stroud, Martha Ann Smith, Betty Joyce Worthy, Yvonne Clayton, Leah Phyfer, and Gail Martin. Ladies in waiting: Miriam Cox, Joan Cox, Ann Bray, and Martha Nell Wilson. Princesses: Dorothy Fay Sharp and Barbara Campbell. Queens: Julia Cruse, June Lowry, Sarah Dillard, Sarah Grace Cox, Betty Hale, Patricia Davis, Sue Griffin, Carolyn Sharp, Evelyn Cruse, and Sarah Caldwell. Queen with Scepter: Betty Meador and Marjorie Norman. Queen Regent: Ruth Russell. Flower Girls: Ruby Phyfer and Margaret Murphree. Ushers: Margaret Ann Sharp, Martha Heath, Catherine Ann Carnell, and Jane Richey. Bonnie Jean Boland was pianist and Leonard Herrington Jr., was bugler. The candles were lighted by Pattie Rue Carnell and Wilma Norman.

The color scheme of white and green was carried out. Large baskets of white stock and ferns were on each side of the altar. Those taking part in the Coronation Service wore white formal dresses.

Byron Breland, clerk of Union Baptist Church, recently sent a nice list of renewal subscriptions to the **Baptist Record**. This church went on the **EVERY FAMILY** Plan two or three years ago.

First Church, Meridian: The building fund now totals \$121,584. Total contributions for the past year which ended March 31 were \$92,412. The offering on March 30 was \$1,762.

The number of Baptist students receiving the **Baptist Record** at Cleveland at Delta State was not received in time for last week's issue. Thirty five students receive the **Record** at Delta State.

Ottis M. Barnes, church treasurer, of Big Level Church, Stone County, recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions to the **Record**.

The **Baptist Record** is grateful to John S. Rester, treasurer of Union Church in Pearl River County for a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions.

New Zion Church, Copiah County: Rev. Guy Little, pastor, used different speakers each night of their spring revival, March 24-28. Rev. Thurman Booth of Terry spoke on **The New Testament Church**, J. A. Travis, Jackson, on **The Cooperative Program**, Rev. J. P. Bush of Hopewell on **The Church and Its Message**, Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Clinton, on **The Church and Its Mission** and Rev. Carey E. Cox of Hazlehurst on **Financing the Church**.

Rev. N. S. Jackson, Superintendent of the Mississippi Anti-Saloon League, announces that Rev. Sam Martin, the Voice of Temperance, will speak at a Temperance Rally in First Church, Jackson, on Monday night, April 21.

Livingston Mays, editor of the **Southwide Baptist Digest** suggests that the college in Havana, Cuba which was founded by the late Dr. M. N. McCall be renamed **McCall Memorial College**.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell
Lesson for April 20

THE KINGDOM STRENGTHENED AND ENLARGED. I Samuel 18-20; II Samuel 5:1-11 Kings 2:11.

I. The Tragedy of King Saul. A young man of splendid physique, handsome, attractive, of great physical strength and stamina, picked from among the masses of a great people, so that he had been bred into an understanding of the problems of the public; yet how dismal his failure in the end. How many a morning dawn is fair that leads to how gloomy an evening and night! Saul was a splendidly gifted and equipped young man? Physically, yes, undoubtedly! And there are a lot of people who seem to think that is the prime requisite in the make-up of a young man now. Send the youngster to high school, of course, for he is a promising candidate for the football team. If he makes all-state or all-conference, on with him to college! The same course if he is champion of his division of the boxing team, or the track team. Exalt the heel above the head, the educated toe above the cultured tongue, the ability to hump another brute's solar plexus above the ability to think the vast movements of the solar system, the pigskin of the gridiron above the sheepskin of the first honor graduate. So our civilization goes merrily toward the devil with less care for the mental than for the physical and less care for the moral than for the mental. And poor Saul's failure was a moral failure. We send our boys where formal education comes cheapest with no thought of the quality. There was nothing wrong with Saul's ability to organize and command. Mentally he was all right, but his heart was wrong, and that being wrong, Saul was all wrong. Saul's is a type of the tragic failures of earth.

II. The Choice of Saul's Successor. Bear in mind the fact that God had not failed. He had done well with the material he had in Saul. God has made great men and women of more unpromising material than was in the son of Kish, but in every such case, God's subject had a willing heart, a humble spirit, a God-loving disposition, an eagerness to know God's will and do it.

So Samuel heard Jehovah speak and did what Jehovah said: Filled the horn with anointing oil, went to Jesse's house in Bethlehem, and directed him to call his sons in, one by one. None of those at home stood the test required of those who wish to walk the lofty ways with God. None was select, elect. Each failed the entrance examination; because God does not see men as they see one another. He looketh on the inward parts, the unseen man, the heart. So came ruddy David, youngest of his father's sons; but a lad in whom God's piercing eye saw vast possibilities for service. The weaknesses that shall lead to a downfall are there, to be sure, but the vast capacities for genuine repentance are there, too, and the exhaustless patience for perseverance in the pursuit of a great purpose. He will not attempt to match brute strength

Bay St. Louis Church Buys Camp Van Dorn Chapel; Plans To Build Pastor's Home

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. — The First Baptist church of Bay St. Louis was purchased for \$1250, one of the Camp Van Dorn chapels from the U.S. government, which will be moved to Bay St. Louis and reassembled on the church's lot on Main Street.

The building is 81 feet by 37 feet and has a wing 19 feet by 14 feet. There are four Sunday school rooms in the main auditorium and two in the balcony. It is the plan of the church here to add extra class rooms, build a recreation room, a kitchen and a pastor's home.

The Bay St. Louis church's departure from its first plan to build a brick church was necessary because of the delay and difficulty involved in the purchase of building material. The present church building has long been inadequate because it is next to impossible to teach six Sunday school classes in one auditorium and the purchase of the chapel became a must.

The work of demolishing and moving of the building purchased is to be completed within 60 days.

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The First Baptist Church of Philadelphia took for its Youth Week theme, "Starring in Life's Drama", and dedicated the program to the pastor, Dr. Walter L. Johnson, from whose article, "Being a Star in Life's Drama", in the

with a giant, but will rely upon the living God and fling every ounce of himself into the combat for comrades, for king, for country.

III. The Culture of the King. Lad David was anointed. One thing he knew already—the shepherd's calling—how to care for things lovable and helpless, to lead into green pastures, to fold the flock in safe places. He must learn the strength of jealousy in an envious heart, the shivering fear and dread of death and how to play the man in spite of it, the dry throat of men burning with thirst, and the gnawing pangs of hunger. He must learn to command men, to send them into battle and to draw them off from it, how to lead them away from a lost field and breathe into their discouraged hearts the breath of a courage that would try again, and fight long enough and hard enough to be the last on the field. I think it was old Jim Corbett who said, "Champions are made of men who can stay in the ring one round longer". That is true in every department of life. How long do you pray? Till God answers? Not always? Then you do not pray long enough.

IV. Friendship in the Formula of Kingly Life. David and Jonathan. Read the story. What think you of a friendship which transcends the blood bond and knits men closer than any earthly tie? Do you have a friend like that? What is there in it that reminds you of our Lord?

David and Hiram of Tyre have a lesson to teach the heads of our modern nations. A failure to learn this lesson will plunge this world again into war. An earnest effort to learn those lessons and to put their teachings will save this world the bath of blood which our civilization can not survive. Those two young kings had the sagacity to discern that it was better for them to increase each other's prosperity by trade than to waste each other's people and property in war.



The Anding Central High School Chorus of Bentonia was organized in the spring of 1946. The director is Miss Jamie White. The chorus includes girls from the eighth and tenth grades.

The chorus, in addition to its regular school work, has furnished music for Sunday services at the Baptist and Methodist Churches in Bentonia and at the Oil City Baptist Church.

March issue of THE TRAINING UNION MAGAZINE, the theme was taken. Using this article as a background, Miss Ouida Fields wrote a beautiful pageant, bearing the same title, which was presented by the Training Union in an integrated worship service before a splendid audience on Sunday evening, April 6. Miss Waudine Storey is Educational Director, Miss Anne Hitchcock is Church Secretary, and Mrs. E. S. Cole is Director of the Training Union. All of these and many others have done excellent work in making Youth Week a fine success.

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Harvey D. Taylor, gospel singer is now available for evangelistic meetings. Ten or twenty day singing school or school of music may be arranged. Round notes taught. Brother Taylor can be reached at 920 24th Avenue, Covington, La.

DR. O. P. GILBERT DIES

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (SBPA), April 7 — Funeral services were held here Monday April 7 for Dr. O. P. Gilbert, 72, editor of the *Christian Index*, official Georgia Baptist publication, who died of a heart attack Sunday morning in Aiken, South Carolina.

Dr. Gilbert was born in Rockford, Alabama, and attended Mercer, the University of Georgia, and Crozer Theological Seminary. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brunswick, when he was elected editor of the *Christian Index* in 1930. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist convention and editor of the *Christian Index* preceding Dr. Gilbert.

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BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

(1) Juniors. (2) All others

Sun. (1) Gen. 3:1-15. (2) Matt. 2:1-12

Mon. (1) Ezek. 47:1-12. (2) Mark 1:1-11

Tu. (1) John 4:31-38. (2) Luke 1:76-80

Wed. (1) Matt. 9:32-38. (2) John 4:1-12

Th. (1) Matt. 28:16-20; Mk. 16:14-20. (2) I Peter 3:8-12

Fri. (1) Rom. 10:11-17. (2) Acts 12:5-14

Sat. Sunday School Lessons

EVERY DEACON A MEMBER OF THE PICKENS ADULT UNION

We congratulate the Pickens church and Mrs. R. B. Gunter, Director on having every deacon of the church in the Adult Union. They are not only regular in attendance and taking part on programs but are interested in enlisting new members and serving in every helpful way. The Training Union voted at their last executive committee meeting to recommend that the union adopt the standard as their guide and set this quarter as the time to reach it. They are planning a special study course for their Juniors and Intermediates soon, and right after their meeting to have a course for the adults.

HUMAN INTEREST STORIES FROM THE MISSION FIELD GAINS POPULARITY

Already we have received letters from adults saying they have been chosen by their union to represent the union in the adult story telling contest. This feature of the District Conventions is going to be one of the high lights.

Four churches cooperated in a "central Training School" held at First Moss Point. Mr. Abrams represented the State Training Union Dept. and reports a very helpful week. Members from Kreole First, Escatawba, Eastside and Moss Point First received awards. Brother Brock, pastor of Moss Point First says it is one of the best weeks they have had.

Mrs. A. G. Felder, Associational Director of Mississippi Association reports their last meeting in which as part of the program they showed the picture "The Greatest Achievement" was the best in attendance and interest they have ever had. The meeting was at Gloster.

RELIGIOUS FILM NIGHT is the title of a leaflet gotten out by Mr. Earl Waldrup, Sec., of the department of visual education of the Sunday School Board. You will profit by reading it and will be happy to ask him for additional aids in this field. Write him at 161 Eighth Ave., N. Nashville 3, Tenn.

We recently saw the picture "Tips for Teachers" and declared it to be worth seeing. It will be good for teachers and leaders alike if you see it with the idea of improving your quality of leadership. Order through The Baptist Book Store, Jackson.

I pay my grocery bill every month, I pay my house rent every month, in fact I pay all my obligations every month—wait a minute, does a month go by when you do not "bring all the tithe into the storehouse?" Is that not an obligation that should claim first consideration. Who made it possible for you to have the where-with-all to take care of all these other obligations? 100,000 tithers among Mississippi Baptists, Baptist Training Union Members enlisting one third of that number is our goal for 1947.

RESULTS OF BROOKHAVEN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL BOARD

The Leadership School held in Brookhaven the last week in March proved a most helpful meeting. 109 awards were issued and 57 of these went to the Brookhaven church. Holly Springs and New Sight each received 16 awards. These two churches set a marvelous example for others in loyalty and consistency in attendance. Miss Blake Nations, director of the Brookhaven church, reports about forty at their executive committee meeting the following Sunday.

Mt. Pleasant, Moaks Creek and Pleasant Hill also had a good record. Thirteen churches all told were reached for the weeks course.

Write immediately for as many of the Bible readers leaflets as you will use for this quarter.

BR BALA CHITTO IN SPRING REVIVAL

Bala Chitto Baptist Church in Pike County, Rev. Charles A. Ray, pastor, held revival services March 27-30. Mississippi College students, Jack Glaze of Pelahatchie, Earl Moody of Louisville, Joe Walters of Hattiesburg, Jean Furr of Tylertown, Charles Talbert of Philadelphia and Herbert Batson of Lumberton, assisted. Mrs. Joe Walters, the former Rutha Lee Williams of Centreville, and Madge Sterling, Educational Director of Tylertown Baptist Church also helped with the meeting. The young men who brought the gospel messages were Charles Ray, Earl Moody and Jack Glaze, ministerial students from the college.

Sunday, March 30, three special services with dinner on the ground were held; the afternoon service being entirely gospel music. Pastor Ray is doing a fine work at Bala Chitto Church and this revival which was conducted by him meant much to the spiritual life of the church. He began work with the church in August 1946.

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Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Webb, Mississippians laboring at Superior Avenue church in Bogalusa, are rejoicing over additions numbering 117 during the 14 months they have been there. Also a 46 per cent increase in gifts to the cooperative work are noted over last year. The average attendance at the Sunday school is 48 above last year, and departmentalizing of the Training Union has brought good results. Plans are in the making for an educational plant to accommodate 800. The people are cooperating in a fine way. The motto of the Webbs is, "Let go, and let God."

Department Of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director
Box 530 - - Phone 3-9106 - - Jackson
MERLE WALLEY, Office Secretary

The work of the Department of Temperance Activities is getting underway. The first week was indeed a busy one. Besides the work done through the office, many helpful contacts were made outside. It was a privilege to be with the young people at Clinton in a study course, teaching the book, *ALCOHOL, THE DESTROYER*. We had an inspiring meeting with the Oktibbeha Christian Citizens League Friday, April 6-11 was a delightful week spent with Brother Lewis Wells in revival services at Mt. Moriah Church, Lincoln County. While there we were able to make many helpful contacts in Lincoln, Lawrence, Jeff Davis, and Pike Counties, speaking before the Lincoln County Sunday School Association and the W.M.S. of the First Church, Brookhaven.

It is our sincere hope that every county in our state will organize a Christian Citizens League. The purpose of these Leagues shall be to mobilize the Christian citizens of the county, irrespective of political or denominational alignment, into one militant county-wide organization dedicated to the task of making the county in every phase of its religious, social, industrial, and civic life, definitely Christian. It will instill in the minds of Christian citizens their inescapable obligation to the right use of the ballot. There are endless possibilities in such an organization, especially in this election year. If this Department can assist in the organization of these Leagues, or otherwise, we shall be glad of the opportunity.

It was my happy privilege to do the preaching in a revival in Pinola, February 16-21. The morning services were held in the high school auditorium and the evening services at the church. The response in every way was great. People came in larger number. There were two who came by letter and two for baptism. I want to give you the testimony of Queenie Alice Lee, one of the two who was saved. "When you stood to preach I saw a light which encircled you. This light was in rays, but around the Bible there was a solid ring of fire. I would close my eyes and open them again and the light was still there. I did this sev-

eral times and the light was still there. I knew that it was the light of God. I heard the voice of God telling me that He wanted me to give Him my heart and life. Please tell me how to be saved." I told her the plan of Salvation as I know it. When I finished tears were flowing from her eyes. She looked into my face and said thank you, I surrender all. I asked for a show of hands if there were any in the auditorium who would take Christ as their personal Saviour. There were at least twenty-five hands that went up. I praise God for these experiences.—V. C. WINDHAM, pastor



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—“I keep six honest serving men, (They taught me all I know): There names are What and Why and When And How and Where and Who”. **WHAT?**

The annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention! A time of rejoicing over past victories and a time of facing the stern realities of our present day! A time of great celebration—the fortieth birthday of W.M.U., and the fortieth birthday of our W.M.U. Training School! Come one, come all and enter into the festivities of these significant occasions!

WHY?

Why come to this meeting? Because a warm welcome awaits you! Because a great program is being planned for you! Because of the fine fellowship of kindred hearts! Because of missionaries! Because of close contact with our beloved missionaries! Because of the information and inspiration you will take back to your own missionary organization! Because you just can't afford to miss it!

WHEN?

May 4-6th, 1947. The first session opens on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. At this time we expect to feature our Y.W.A. and Training School. We are hoping to have two hundred Training School Alumnae this opening session. Our closing meeting will be Tuesday night. Come for the opening session and stay through to the end.

HOW?

Begin now to make your plans to attend! Talk to your members and get others to come with you! Drive your car and fill it with women! See that some of your Y.W.A.'s come! Come by bus, by train, by plane!

WHERE?

St. Louis, Mo., of course! Out where the west begins! Come and catch something of their great spirit! The Statler is W.M.U. headquarters hotel! The lovely Opera House will be our place of meeting! Plenty of room for everybody!

WHO?

OFFICERS, DELEGATES, VISITORS AND TRAINING SCHOOL ALUMNAE! All are welcome! Many distinguished speakers will appear on our program—Judge Camille Kelley, Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Mrs. Henry Lin, Dr. Louie Newton and Dr. J. B. McLaurin.

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America Must Be Christian, Dr. H. C. Goerner. This may be secured in cloth \$1.25 or paper .75c, from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. “Dr. Goerner tells us that this book grew out of an inner compulsion that it must be written. . . Let's not be satisfied until every member of every society—and more—has been reached with its urgent message. It has the Christian answer to the critical problems of our day, our nation, and our world—the answer we must do something about.” Una R. Lawrence...

Stewardship List, **The Message of Stewardship**, Cushman, \$1.00, Series II. Reading Circle Material; **Christian**

World Facts, 25c, the annual publication of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and Canada, of which our Foreign Board is a member. **An American Churchman in the Soviet Union**, Louie D. Newton, 10c. “It seems to me that every missionary society, Y.W.A., Intermediate and Junior R. A. and G. A. should have this for immediate reading and as supplementary material for programs and mission study. It is the most interesting and timely reading circle pamphlet we've had in many a day”, Una R. Lawrence. Both of these may be ordered from the Book Store.

We are happy to announce that the **World in Books** is in the Book Store. This has had many delays. We will want a copy. It is a catalogue of mission study books and aids of all kinds. It is free.

Missionary Round Table Books; **White Man—Yellow Man**, Floyd (Abingdon-Cokesbury). “It is the best summary account that we have had, written by the Professor of Missions and Oriental History at Emory University. Best of all, it is very readable, well indexed and outlined, and belongs in the list on **Fundamentals of Peace**,” Una R. Lawrence. **A Brother is a Stranger**, (John Day, \$3.75) is his own life story by Rev. Toru Masumoto, and Marion O. Lerrige. “I heartily agree with Pearl Buck's statement about this book. . . the truest and most complete book of life in Japan, with all its good and evil, that I have ever read.”

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MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER
April 21—Rev. W. L. Holcomb, Director, Department of Temperance Activities; Rev. R. L. Wallace, member of Board of Ministerial Education.

April 22—Mrs. D. P. Snow, Winston County Associational Music Director; Rev. B. T. Bishop, member, committee on Social Service.

April 23—M. P. L. Berry, Assistant to the President, Mississippi College; W. N. Taylor, member Board of Trustees, Baptist Orphanage.

April 24—M. H. Harkley, Wayne County Convention Board member; Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III, Montgomery County Convention Board member; State B.S.U. Spring Retreat, Moorhead, April 25-26.

April 25—Mrs. David E. Guyton, member faculty, Blue Mountain College; C. H. Lipsay, Trustee, Mississippi Woman's College; L. M. Lanier, Business Manager, Clarke Memorial College.

April 26—Miss Merle Walley, office secretary, Department of Temperance Activities; Hermon Dean, member Executive Committee, Brotherhood of the South.

April 27—Miss Addie Mae Stevens, Registrar, Mississippi College; E. T. Jenkins, School Superintendent, Baptist Orphanage.

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A good record: L. H. Simms, father of the present Sunday School superintendent of Sharon Church, Jones County, was church clerk for over 31 years and only missed seven meetings.

Lexington: An Extension department of the Sunday School has been organized. Mrs. Charley L. Hathcock is the superintendent.

W. M. Pritchard, treasurer of Oakland church, recently sent a nice list of renewal subscriptions. Mr. Pritchard and Deacon T. T. Gooch see that the Baptist Record is well taken care of.

STUDY COURSE TEACHERS AT TYLERTOWN



Tylertown Sponsors "All-Church" Course

Informally gathered in the picture above are teachers in the Training School recently held at the Tylertown Baptist Church, Tylertown, Miss. Left to right, they are Mrs. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall of Clinton who taught, “Growing a Church,” Herbert Batson, Educational Director at Clinton Baptist church who taught, “Let Us Sing,” Miss Faye Pittman of Tylertown who taught “The Junior and His Church,” Rev. Charles Ray of Fort Worth, Texas, pastor of Bala Chitto Baptist Church in Pike County, who taught “Witnessing for Christ,” and Miss Jean Furr of Tylertown, who taught, “The Story Hour Leadership Manual.” One hundred and thirty-two were enrolled in the five classes and 94 awards will be presented.

Interesting assembly periods were held nightly for the entire group. Insights into the individual classes, humorous lesson skits, and singing were featured in these periods.

At the Sunday morning service of March 23, Herbert Batson gave a special message in song, “The Stranger of Galilee,” Rev. W. R. Cooper, pastor, led the service and Rev. Charles Ray brought the message. These are shown in the inset in the picture.

Tylertown Baptist Church has been greatly blessed in the experience of this school and the inspiration of the fine teachers who visited during the

week. Similar work will be planned for the fall study courses.

Miss Madge Sterling of Jackson is the Educational Director of the church and had general charge of the arrangements, assisted by excellent local committees who left nothing undone for the success of the week's work. Pastor Cooper was pleased over the response of the people, and the results of the week.

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Pastors Organize Conference

The pastors of North Central Miss., met at Mathiston March 31st and organized what is to be known as The North Central Baptist Pastors Conference.

Officers were elected as follows: President D. M. Metts, Maben; Vice-President J. L. Courson, Maben; Secretary and Treasurer, K. Z. Stevens, Columbus; Chairman of Program Committee, J. R. Reedy, Eupora; Chorister J. M. Metts, Winona; Pianist, Mrs. J. E. Booth of Mathiston.

The Conference decided to meet on Monday after the first Sunday in each month. All meetings to be held in Mathiston until further notice. Because of the Southern Baptist Convention coming the first of May, it was voted to have the May meeting Monday after the third Sunday in April. All meetings are to begin at ten o'clock.

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GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13c and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that they profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



REV. W. C. HOWARD

WATER VALLEY IS NUMBER 856

A recent addition to the growing list of Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY churches is the First Church, Water Valley. Rev. W. C. Howard is pastor and has been for eleven years.

Adopting the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is not the only recent progressive step at Water Valley. A modern brick pastor's home was recently completed. The church is leading in the work of placing a mission in the county.

Church attendance is good and there are additions almost every Sunday.

Concerning the EVERY FAMILY Plan Pastor Howard says, "I believe the Baptist Record and don't think there is any other way to handle it successfully except by the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Several have told me how grateful they are for the Record about what they have found in it."

Yalobusha County's Record readers are now listed as follows: COFFEEVILLE 52, NEW HOPE 40, Oak Grove 1, OAKLAND 16, Pilgrim's Rest 7, Scobey 8, WATER VALLEY 116, Wayside 1, SPRING HILL 24, CAMP GROUND 39, Pine Grove 3, DIVIDING RIDGE 28, OTUCKOLOFA 22, Elam 1, Haven Hill 1.

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RAYVILLE, LOUISIANA

While Dr. J. H. Hooks, pastor First Church, Rayville, Louisiana, was in a meeting at Benton, Louisiana, we supplied for him.

The church is well organized and all departments in high gear. Many people expressed their appreciation of Pastor Hooks. A mission has been established a few miles from town. This mission will soon be organized into a church.

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EDWARDS

The Methodist, Presbyterian, and Baptist churches of Edwards held a series of pre-Easter services each night the week before Easter Sunday. Various outside pastors were invited to preach. Baptist Pastor, Robert L. Lee, invited us to preach on Wednesday, April 2. The house was well-filled and the people showed great interest. Pastors Boyce and Ferguson of the Pres-

PROGRESS OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS IN 1946

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ing the year. However, the number of new churches organized makes it possible to report a net gain of 267, or a total of 26,401. These were served by 17,877 active pastors. There were 3,098 pastorless churches reported.

A study of these churches shows that 10,110 are full-time, 192 are three-quarter time, 8,772 are half-time, and 7,327 are quarter-time. This is the largest number of full-time (those with preaching every Sunday) reported. Of the total, 3,450 or 13.1 per cent are city churches (over 2500 population), 3,562 or 13.5 per cent are town churches (populated centers 500-2500), 4,173 or 15.8 per cent are village churches (populated centers under 500), and 15,216 or 57.6 per cent are located in the open country.

The 253,361 baptisms reported during the year was a decrease of 3,338 below the total for the 1945 Centennial Evangelistic Crusade. Church membership showed a gain of 213,751 during the year to make the total membership 6,079,305. The fact that the gain in membership almost equalled the number of baptisms, despite losses reported by death or transfer of membership, is accounted for by the return of men who had served during the war. Many of these men had placed their membership in churches in the Northern Baptist Convention while serving in camps during the war. Some married girls who were members of Northern Baptist churches. The return of these to the South accounted for a part of gain in membership. Nearly one fourth of the members reported are non-resident.

467 New Sunday Schools

There were 467 new Sunday schools reported during 1946 to make the total 25,435. This number probably does not represent many of the mission Sunday schools sponsored by churches and by associations. A place has been provided on the 1947 report for this additional information which should make it possible to get a more accurate check. Likewise, the 213,614 gain in Sunday school enrollment reported by the churches may not reflect the mission Sunday school enrollment in every case. Total membership in the Sunday school is now 3,738,924, the largest number ever reported in any one year.

Training Union enrollment showed a 14.2 per cent increase to reach 802,859. The W.M.U. enrollment, reported by the Women's Missionary Union office at Birmingham, was 802,859, a gain of 28,161 during the year. Brotherhood enrollment in the churches reflected the return of the men by climbing from 38,538 to 71,412 during

Methodist churches were most cordial.

Edwards is one of our Every Family Churches. Other subscriptions in Hinds County are now listed as follows: MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE B.S.U. 250, BEULAH 45, BETHESDA 58, BOLTON 24, BYRAM 18, CALVARY 1,257, CHAPEL HILL 22, CLINTON 269, DANIELS 75, DAVIS MEMORIAL 120, EDWARDS 35, Griffith Memorial 3, JACKSON FIRST 941, LEARNED 18, NORTH SIDE 214, Palestine 10, PARKWAY 438, POCAHONTAS 19, RAYMOND 61, SOUTH SIDE 70, UTICA 68, ELRAINE 18, NEW HAVEN 32, VAN WINKLE 174, TERRY 114, SALEM 29, SIWELL 36, MIDWAY 12.

ACP ANNOUNCES CONVENTION PROGRAM

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"Church Press and Great Causes," will be introduced with a dinner address Thursday evening April 17, by William Waymack, member of the Atomic Energy Commission and former editor of the Des Moines Register

the year.

A Gain of 1,205 Pastoriums

Vacation Bible School enrollment reached a new record total of 1,055,678, perhaps the largest reported by any denomination during 1946.

According to the 1946 report, 24,979 of the 26,401 churches own their church houses, a gain of 447 for the year. The housing conditions were reflected in the big jump in the number of homes for ministers. There was a gain of 1205 during the year to make 6,600.

The 13.4 per cent gain in church property valuation reflects some building, but it also reflects increased valuation on church property. Value of church property reached a new high of \$313,053,779 at the end of 1946, an increase of \$36,964,008. It is interesting to note that the debt on church property has increased from \$6,176,000 in 1944 to \$16,450,000 in 1946. This increase in church debt is more than offset by the \$44,280,000 in the building and reserve fund reported by Southern Baptist churches.

For the first time, per capita giving for missions exceeded the high mark reached during the 75-Million campaign. Southern Baptists gave \$4.48 per capita during 1946, or a total of \$27,240,704 for all missions and benevolences. Per capita gifts for local work also reached a new record high, \$14.47,

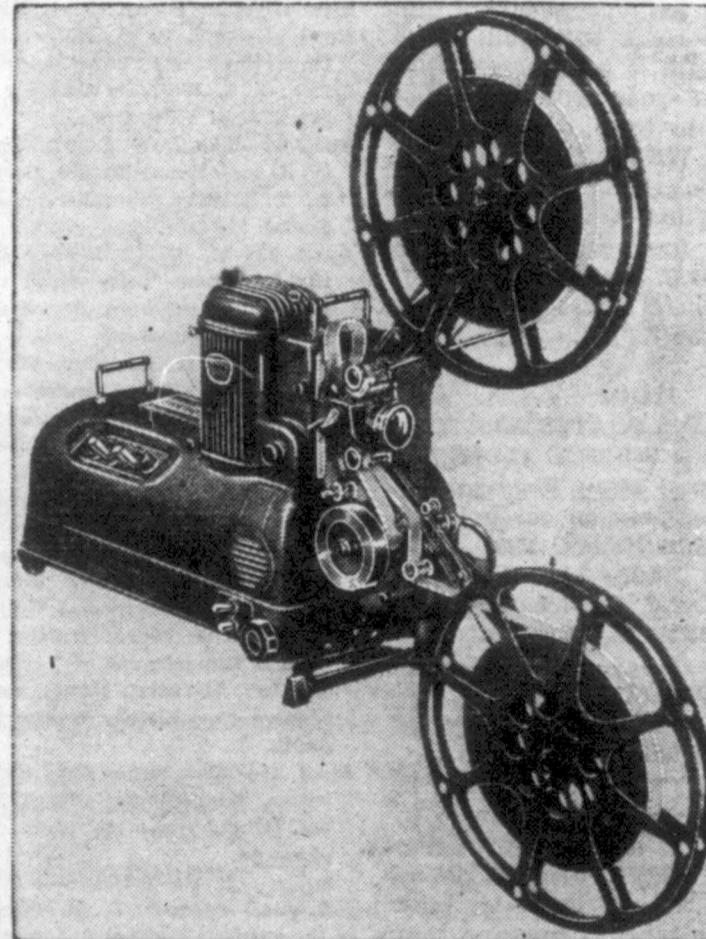
and Tribune, on "Informing the People in the Atomic Age."

Speakers at the morning session of the final day include the Rev. A. Livingston Warnshuis, executive vice-president, Church World Service, on "Material and Spiritual Rehabilitation; Guy Emery Shipley, editor, the Churchman, on "Religious Liberty and the Vatican," Dr. Earl F. Adams, executive director of the Protestant Council of the City of New York, on "The New Plan for Protestant Cooperation," and Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, American secretary for the World Council of Churches, on "The World Council in Today's World."

Professor S. F. H. I. Berkelbach, member of the Netherlands delegation to the meeting of the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., will address the delegates at a luncheon meeting. Other speakers will include Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, secretary, Foreign Missions Conference; Dr. Leland S. Albright, assistant secretary, International Missionary Council; and Robert Jordan, promotion director of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The evening session of the final day will feature addresses by two representatives of the United Nations: Andrew Cordier, assistant director in the office of the secretary-general, and Dr. O. Frederick Nolde of the Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia, consulting representative of the churches to the U.N.

Following the scheduled program conducted tours to the United Nations at Lake Success, and to Radio City and St. Patrick's Cathedral have been arranged for the delegates on Saturday morning, April 20.



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MARCH STANDARDS

These units became Standard during March:

Schools: Eighth Avenue, Meridian, Rev. E. F. Graeser, pastor, Joe Brown, superintendent.

Departments: Intermediate, McComb First, Mrs. J. W. Phillips, superintendent; Primary, Starkville First, Mrs. J. D. Ray, superintendent.

Classes: Pure Gold, Intermediate, Vicksburg First, Mrs. Percy Galloway, teacher; Blue Birds, Intermediate, McComb First, Miss Elwin Butler; Eagles, Intermediate, McComb First, J. B. Alford; Willing Workers, Intermediate, McComb First, T. J. Gordon; Service, Intermediate, McComb First, Mrs. E. A. Russell; Aviators, Intermediate, McComb First, B. B. Slay; Joyful Servants, Intermediate, McComb First, Mrs. C. C. Wilson.

Home Makers, Adult, Sturgis, Mrs. Tommie Hamil, teacher; Fidelis, Adult, Clinton, Miss Addie Mae Stevens; Home Makers, Adult, Jackson Griffith Memorial, Mrs. Frank Sills; Alpha, Adult, Ruleville, Mrs. T. E. Norwood. Adult, McComb Central, Mrs. Fred B. Bookter; Fidelis, Ruleville, Mrs. T. E. Norwood.

Our sincere thanks and hearty congratulations to the leaders of all these units on this very excellent work. Many others should do this also.

STUDY TEN COMMANDMENTS IN APRIL

April is Sunday school training course month for the spring. The book suggested this year is THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. It fits in so well with the lessons for this quarter. Brother superintendent, have that class, please.

SOUTHWIDE INTERMEDIATE DAY

The last Sunday in April is Southwide Intermediate Day.

Some of the goals suggested for that great day are: Increased enrollment; increased attendance; win the lost; enlist the saved; reach the parents.

These are worthy aims and also attainable.

We have leaflets that will be helpful for that day. Write us for one.

GET INTERMEDIATE PROGRAMS

The new book, SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR INTERMEDIATES, is now off the press and is available at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson.



STAMMER?
New book, "Stammering, Its Cause and Correction," describes Bogue Method for correction of stammering, stuttering—successful 46 years. B. N. Bogue, Dept. 6507, Circle Tower, Indianapolis 4, Ind.

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This is a book of worship programs prepared by Miss Mary Alice Biby of the Baptist Sunday School Board. They are excellent and will be very helpful to Intermediate superintendents in their program planning.

SUNFLOWER FIRST IN 1947

The distinction of sending in the first Vacation Bible school report for 1947 goes to Sunflower association.

This school was at Wade Mission and was under the direction of Dr. W. S. Hardin, pastor at Drew. There were 149 boys and girls and 11 adults in this school.

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Hardin for this good school and it begins the new year with a splendid one. Many churches should plan for Mission Vacation schools this year.

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Do you want to try the Advanced Standard for your school? Well, it is a great and far reaching program.

We now have some of the new leaflets setting forth the ten points in this Standard. Why not get one and see what you can do along this line for your school. These leaflets are free.

A LABOR OF LOVE

Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Intermediate superintendent of McComb First school, sends in applications for standard recognition for all their classes and also for the department. This is the first time this fine department has been standard.

Mrs. Phillips says: "We have worked long and hard, but it has been a labor of love for our Master and for the youth of our church."

Can you beat that for real and worthy motive for striving to improve? We doubt it. Thanks, Mrs. Phillips.

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REVIVAL AT RENA LARA NETS FORTY ADDITIONS

The Reynolds Memorial Baptist church at Rena Lara, Miss., near Clarksdale, has recently enjoyed a good revival meeting. Clyde Reynolds of Clarksdale, lay-pastor, is proving a blessing in the work, which is progressing well.

The services were held in the Community House, large crowds in attendance, the majority of whom were young people.

Rev. Ray Megginson, the Riverside Associational Missionary was the preacher. This young man and his talented, consecrated wife are recent graduates of Mississippi College.

The revivalist preached the real gospel for 10 days in utter dependence on the work of the Holy Spirit. Thirty persons were baptized. One young lady surrendered for fulltime missionary service. Ten joined by letter.

The Christians rejoice in the blessings of God as they work and pray and look forward to their new church for which they broke ground on March 30th.

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Rev. R. E. Campbell has recently resigned his pastorate at Mobile, Alabama and is available for a pastorate in Mississippi in a Bible believing God fearing Baptist Church. Mr. Campbell is a student at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and completes his work there this year. He may be contacted at 2719 Chestnut St., Apt. 9, New Orleans 13, Louisiana.



JOHN GILBERT ASSUMES SOSO CHURCH PASTORATE

Rev. John L. Gilbert has accepted the pastorate of the Soso Baptist Church in Jones county, and will assume his work at once. Rev. Gilbert was recently married to Miss Betty Dicken of Jackson. They will occupy the new pastor's home at Soso when it is completed.

The new pastor of the Soso church has been serving as assistant pastor at Van Winkle, a suburban Jackson church. He has been the Director of Music at the Jackson Youth for Christ also. He has been active in youth revivals and all phases of the church work. He served during World War II, having been honorably discharged after three and a half years as radio gunner in the Naval Air Corps in Dutch Guinea, South America and the Aleutians.

In answering the call to the ministry he gave up a promising career as high school band director. He was the Golden Gloves boxing champion in his high school days, is popular in all school activities and serves on important committees on the Mississippi College campus where he is graduating this term. Mrs. Gilbert is also attending Mississippi College. She was formerly employed at the Jackson State National Bank and is a talented musician. Gilbert is the son of Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, associational missionary in Lauderdale county, and Mrs. Gilbert.

The Soso church people and Jones county Baptists in general anticipate the coming of this talented couple.

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Hopewell Church has gone to full time. Pastor J. P. Bush writes that the Sunday school has been standard for five years, the Brotherhood meets once a month, the W.M.S. twice a month and a good Sunday school and a Training Union. The church is cooperating in the denominational work and sends monthly contributions to the Cooperative Program.

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Fon T. Scofield, Jr., secretary of the Department of Visual Education, Radio and Publicity, has sent out to the pastors a packet of materials on audio-visual aids in the church program. He suggested that these new materials be kept on file for ready reference when one may be in need of materials along these lines.

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Sam Morris, "The Voice of Temperance", will speak at First Baptist Church, Jackson, on Monday, April 21 at 7:30 o'clock.

The Baptist Record is grateful for a list of 26 names from Union Church in Panola County, which were recently sent in by Mrs. Jesse Crumby. Lists like this help the Baptist Record to stay above the 57,000 mark in circulation.



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HOME MISSIONS IN 1946

By John Caylor

The annual report of the Home Mission Board for 1946 shows that 44,873 new members were added to the churches as a result of the ministry of the 720 full-time missionaries of the Board and the 200 summer workers from colleges and seminaries who served for ten weeks on the various fields. Of the number, 27,474 were reported as conversions.

To make the grand total of 920 missionaries (including 203 summer workers) 87 new missionaries were added during the past year. There was some turn-over in personnel, but the net gain in the number of missionaries was 69. These workers delivered 94,145 sermons and addresses, made 222,281 religious visits, and did personal work with 166,701 individuals.

Literature played an important part in the ministry of home missions. The missionaries distributed 19,855 Bibles and Gospels, 2,014,885 pages of tracts. The magazine, *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, reached a peak circulation of 121,800; four issues carried 24 pages and the other eight, sixteen. This would add 26,830,000 more pages to the amount of literature distributed. At the same time, more than 73,000 books placed 8,000,000 other pages of home mission literature in the hands of the people.

Besides the 7,317 revivals conducted by home missionaries, there were 12,841 mission classes taught, 361 missions opened, 131 new churches organized, 36 kindergartens maintained, and 1,815 Vacation Bible schools conducted in mission situations.

Building operations were rather extensive. The Home Mission Board built or improved 74 churches and chapels and 16 pastors' homes.

WHAT READERS SAY ABOUT IT

America Must Be Christian,

By H. C. Goerner

"It is excellent. This information ought to be in the hands of every Southern Baptist."—Duke K. McCall.

"The message of this book should be preached time and again from the pulpits of our Southern Baptist Convention as well as throughout the rest of the nation. You have produced a literary gem which is both scholarly and simple in its presentation. Every layman can follow it without difficulty and every pastor will find in it a challenge to his best thought and analysis of our present world situation."—H. H. Hobbs.

"It is truly a timely book, strong, convincing, challenging. I have rarely read a book that has gripped me as this one has."—Mrs. Foy J. Farmer.

"Never have I read such a stirring, thought-provoking discussion of our mission opportunity and the urgency of making Jesus known, now."—Mrs. F. B. Minell, president, Missouri Woman's Missionary Union.

"**America Must Be Christian** . . . is the most potent text published by the Home Mission Board in years."—Mrs. Gordon Maddrey.

"I feel it is a book every Southern Baptist should read."—Mrs. D. C. Setser.

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Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, pastor, and members of the Northside Baptist church rejoice over high hours experienced during their Ground Breaking Day, Sunday April 6. The Sunday school attendance topped the goal set for the day, 401, by reaching 406. Offerings received totaled over \$4500. The figure will likely top the \$5,000 mark before next Sunday, making \$30,000 in the building fund.

The climax came in the impressive Ground Breaking service which was observed at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon. A large group gathered at the new building lot on Canton Avenue at Woodland Hills to witness the breaking of ground which officially launched construction on the beautiful new church plant. Pastor W. Lowrey Compere was in charge of the service. Among those occupying the improvised platform with the Northside pastor were Dr. W. A. Hewitt, Rev. J. B. Parker, Rev. Seth W. Granberry, Dr. J. Moody McDill, Rev. S. W. Valentine, Commissioner D. B. Sharren, Architect J. M. Spain, J. H. Currie, Mr. Corley and Olan Morgan, contractors, and H. T. Harrison, chairman of the Northside Building committee. Marimba Meditations, by William L. Compere, Jr., were featured. Brief expressions from individuals seated on the platform. Visitors present were recognized. Special music by the Northside Girls' Sextet; offerings to the Building Fund; and a brief, forceful message by the pastor marked the service as one long to be remembered by those present. Gift flowers adorned the plat-

form and the bright Easter weather made an appropriate setting, as Pastor W. Lowrey Compere turned the first spade of dirt, followed by H. T. Harrison, chairman of the Building Committee and one of the charter members of Northside, J. M. Spain, architect, and J. H. Currie, representative of the firm of Currie and Cor-

ley, contractors.

The showing of a religious film featured the Training Union hour, marked by a record attendance of 132. The ordinance of baptism administered at the evening worship hour. Six new members were received into the church during the day.

**Attention...
Mississippi Girls!**

The books at Blue Mountain College will open May 5 to receive room deposits for the next regular session beginning in September.

Already many reservations have been received.

We are taking this means of reminding our MISSISSIPPI girls to make their room reservations before that time.

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Lawrence T. Lowrey, President